

**TOWN OF SOMERS
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 22, 2011

12:00pm

Senior Center

Call to Order: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Members Present: First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini, Selectmen Kathy Devlin and Bud Knorr were present. Also present included Human Services Director Jen Charette, Representative Penny Bacchiochi, Senator John Kissel and over 40 interested Seniors.

Senior Summit:

Needs/Programs/Future Improvements-

Mrs. Pellegrini began the meeting by explaining a Senior Summit was held several years ago and the outcome resulted in favorable programs. The current Board of Selectmen is very interested in hearing from the Seniors to see what their needs are, what programs they are interested in and what type of improvements can be made to improve the quality of life. Mrs. Devlin also recounted some of the action items that resulted from the previous summit which included the development of an Emergency Management Protocol and senior tax rebates. She invited Seniors to come forward with questions or comments.

Several individuals commented about not knowing what to do when the electrical power is down for an extended period of time such as experienced during the recent state wide power outages a few weeks prior.

Some individuals discussed concerns about having just one polling center for elections and a resident recommended that it would be beneficial to have a shuttle bus available at the Senior Center to take voters over to Town Hall on election days.

The new sidewalk to be constructed on Battle Street was discussed and Mrs. Pellegrini explained that she was awaiting the contract from the State and that she hoped construction would begin this summer.

Results of the Senior Center Survey were shared. The survey determined that a lunch program would be extremely popular, continued transportation was deemed important and social programs/activities were popular.. It was also discussed that the Senior Center is available for all Seniors in the community to use.

The Selectmen adjourned the meeting by saying that they were available to discuss any other issues with residents at any time and that they look forward to ongoing meetings.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Pellegrini made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30pm, seconded by Mr. Knorr. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Pellegrini-Recording

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